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SUBJECT: SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ROOMS IN MADRID, MAY 20 - 23, 2004

1. THE WEDDING OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE OF ASTURIAS FELIPE DE BORBON AND LETIZIA ORTIZ WILL TAKE PLACE IN MADRID ON MAY 22 POST PREDICTS THIS EVENT WILL AFFECT THE AVAILABILITY OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 20 TO 23, 2004.
2. WE DISCOURAGE ANY OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO MADRID DURING THIS PERIOD. OFFICIAL TRAVELERS WHO ANTICIPATE TRAVELLING TO MADRID SHOULD MAKE HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THE HOTELS MOST FREQUENTLY USED BY THE EMBASSY WILL RAISE THEIR RATES SIGNIFICANTLY FOR THAT WEEKEND; THEREFORE IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AT HOTELS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY.

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